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ROLE IN THE HORN

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1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE A US APPROACH ALONG LINES OF PARA. 5
REFTEL WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT, AND WE DO NOT
BELIEVE IT WOULD RESULT IN ANY KENYAN PRESSURE THROUGH NAM ON
CUBA TO REDUCE ITS ROLE IN THE HORN.

2. THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE CUBAN PRESENCE
IN ETHIOPIA POSES ANY THREAT TO KENYA. ON THE CONTRARY, KENYA
CONSIDERS THAT (A) SINCE THE CUBANS WERE OF CONSIDERABLE
ASSISTANCE TO THE ETHIOPIANS IN EXPELLING THE SOMALI INVADERS
FROM THE OGADEN, AND (B) SINCE THE SOMALIS HAVE NOT FORSWORN
THEIR TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS IN THE HORN, A CONTINUED CUBAN
PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA IS A RESTRAINING INFLUENCE UPON THE SOMALIS,
WHO ALSO HAVE DESIGNS ON KENYA'S NORTH EASTERN PROVINCE.

3. IT IS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA
CAN BE MOVED TO TAKE A POSITION AGAINST THE SOVIET/CUBAN
INVOLVEMENT IN THE HORN UNTIL IT IS CONVINCED THAT KENYA
IS NO LONGER THREATENED BY SOMALIA.

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